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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### Full of energy

The UT Energy Institute is holding the inaugural lecture of the UT Energy Symposium at Welch 2.308 from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Students who register for the semester-long symposium earn one credit hour for participation.

#### The Loft

A new student hangout in the Bass Concert Hall officially opens at 6 p.m. Read our coverage of the lounge on page 10.

#### 'I Do Believe'

Southern rock group Drive-By Truckers are playing Stubb's tonight with supporting act Centro-Matic. Doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$27.

#### 'Nice boobs'

Alamo Drafthouse Downtown is hosting a quote-along screening of 'Robin Hood: Men in Tights' tonight at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

### Today in history

#### In 1985

A team of French and U.S. researchers discover the remains of the Titanic, which sank 73 years earlier in 1912.

### Campus watch

#### Swim with the Fishes

*Littlefield Fountain, 200 block West 21st Street*  
Assist Outside Agency: A UT Police Officer responded to a report of several subjects swimming inside the fountain. During the investigation, the officers located the subjects, (all UT students) still wet, standing near the fountain. As the investigation continued, the officer learned one student had an outstanding Outside Agency arrest warrant. The student was taken into custody and transported to Central Booking. All of these students and those in the future will have an opportunity to discuss their swimming hole choice with the Dean of Students.



### Quote to note

"We believe advertising in violent media is not only morally questionable but also perhaps an ineffective advertising strategy."

— **Jorge Pena**  
Communication studies assistant professor

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Andrea Macias-Jimenez | Daily Texan Staff

Art history junior Alina Rich and history senior Kelly Lin share a laugh while manning the Undergraduate Art History Association table at "Party on the Plaza" in front of Gregory Gym on Wednesday afternoon. The event is designed to advertise the hundreds of organizations.

## Fund Fund Fund Fest

By Rachel Thompson  
Daily Texan Staff

Colorful posters, white tents and enthusiastic students covered the pavement outside Gregory Gym on Wednesday for UT's 12th annual Party on the Plaza.

UT RecSports has hosted the event since 1999 as a way to kick off the new school year and encourage students to find out about organizations on campus. Proceeds from the event are put towards the UT Student Emergency Fund, a pool of money that helps students with finan-

cial troubles caused by catastrophic events. The fund can cover textbooks, medications or prescriptions, or rent and replacement of personal belongings.

Since its premiere event in 1999, Party on the Plaza has raised about \$14,000 for the fund.

"We just want to provide a chance for students to have a good time, check out the over 200 student organizations, ride the bull and raise money," said associate RecSports director Randall Ford.

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## West Campus has history of fall-related accidents

By Jillian Bliss  
Daily Texan Staff

The UT business student who fell from his apartment balcony Monday night is one of at least four students who have died from fall-related injuries since 2006.

Richard Holland of Plano was pronounced dead at the University Medical Center Brackenridge after falling from his fifth-floor balcony at The Block apartments on Pearl Street, according to the Austin Police Department. Unlike the deaths of former students Tyler Cross in 2006, Daniel Toole in 2007 and Maximiliano Rodriguez in 2010, Holland's friends said they do not believe alcohol or drugs were related to the accident. APD could not comment on whether or not there was alcohol at the scene.

According to previous Daily Texan news coverage, toxicology reports found Cross had a blood alcohol level of .19 when he fell from his fifth-floor balcony at University Towers. Rodriguez had a blood alcohol level of more than three times the legal limit when he fell from the fifth-floor



Richard Holland

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## A&M's departure from conference ends historic rivalry



By Trey Scott  
Daily Texan Columnist

Just days before the 2011 season officially begins, the Longhorns have already suffered a tremendous loss.

Texas A&M is officially leaving, having sent a letter of withdrawal to Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe on Wednesday. Conference prestige and the state's best rivalry will follow the Aggies out the door, gone for good.

Texas has never relied on other schools to help it stand. Not with a reputation as the preeminent public school in the state, a rich tradi-

tion of athletic success and a \$300 million network to call its own. But the loss of the Aggies will hurt the Longhorns more than they think. Right now, it's "good riddance" and "don't let the door hit you on the way out."

They'll miss each other in a year.

Sounds absurd to think that now. These schools have never much liked one another. Texas views the Aggies as farm boys with a Napoleon complex. Texas A&M thinks of the "tea sips" as arrogant and snobby.

Both sides are probably right, and that's why the Aggies are leaving. They're fed up of being stuck under Texas' thumb and worried

about the potential impact of the Longhorn Network. The Longhorns probably should have compromised some aspect of the network — the plan to show high school games and highlights, especially — to preserve the strength of the Big 12. Texas A&M probably should have been a bit more patient to see the true ramifications of the network.

Either way, the landscape of college football (and this state) is never going to be the same. Get ready to a Turkey Day game against (best-case) Notre Dame or (worst-case) Baylor. The Longhorns won't want to play the

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Corey Leamon | Daily Texan file photo

The Aggies won the the 2010 Lone Star Showdown 24-17. A&M announced today they are officially leaving the Big 12 conference for the 2012 season.

## Off-campus residents may face increasing price of electricity

By Alexandra Feuerman  
Daily Texan Staff

A raise in Austin Energy's rates first suggested in a written proposal released Monday by the utility company will not affect UT's electricity costs, but students living off campus may see higher energy bills sometime early next year if Austin City Council approves the increase.

If approved, the rate increase — of an average 13 percent — would be the first in 17 years. Since 1995, Austin Energy added about 115,000 customers, a 38 percent increase, stretching its resources, according to the proposal. Austin Energy expects to lose about \$30 million this year, Austin Energy general manager Larry Weis told KVUE-TV on Wednesday.

"Austin Energy's current rates generate insufficient revenue to cover its costs of operation, main-

tenance and other financial obligations," said the proposal. "If uncorrected, AE's reserve fund levels will not meet the requirements set forth in its financial policies as established by the City of Austin."

The current rate for using 1,000 kilowatt-hours is \$92 per month, which would be increased to around \$102 if the rate is changed, according to Austin Energy. If the proposal is approved, the price of kilowatt-hours would grow with increased usage.

UT would be unaffected because of the Hal C. Weaver Power Plant that operates an electrical grid separate from the city, said Kenneth Bonin, Utilities and Energy Management contract manager.

"The increase will have a minimal impact for the main campus because we produce our own

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## SHOWDOWN AT THE TABLE



Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

Organizers and participants of "Pong Rock", a local ping pong club founded as a social alternative to more competitive table tennis leagues, discuss their expectation for the newly commenced fifth season of play. Check out bit.ly/dt\_video this afternoon for the full video.



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CLARIFICATION


Because of an editing error, Monday's page 1 news story about new entries in the Merriam-Webster dictionary should have said the words will appear in the book's print and online editions.

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North Texas fire destroys three dozen homes

By Jamie Stengle, Sean Murphy, & Ken Miller  
The Associated Press

POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE, — Wildfires sweeping through parts of Texas and Oklahoma have destroyed dozens of homes and forced hundreds of people to evacuate, and although officials don't yet know what ignited the blazes, a summer heat wave and drought have left both states with the perfect fuel: parched ground and dry vegetation.

"We're in severe drought conditions, so just the tiniest little spark can start a wildfire," Texas Forest Service spokeswoman April Saginor said.

The forest service warned that the weather could also hamper efforts to contain the fast-moving blaze in North Texas that destroyed at least 20 homes in a lakeside community Tuesday. The fire threatened a further 125 homes in the Possum Kingdom Lake area.

"It sounds like we're still going to have winds today," John Nichols, a spokesman for the service, said before dawn Wednesday.

In Oklahoma City, Deputy Fire Chief Marc Woodard said a preliminary assessment of the area early Wednesday indicated the fire had burned about 5,000 acres and destroyed some 20 homes on the city's rural outskirts.

Blowing embers likely started the blaze, which was largely under control by late Tuesday night, Battalion Chief Felton Morgan said.

But Fire Chief Keith Bryant voiced concerns that the fire could re-ignite.

"The conditions are similar to what they were yesterday," he said early Wednesday. "The winds are going to get up, they're already gusting. That'll be our concern on



A helicopter returns to the lake to refill its tank for a water drop on fires Wednesday near Possum Kingdom Lake, Texas. A Texas Forest Service official says a fast-moving wildfire in a popular North Texas vacation area has destroyed 39 homes.

the fires that are still smoldering."

Officials assessed the burn area from helicopters.

"We're looking for specific structures that are damaged and any hot spots that might flare up. We'll be trying to determine when the residents can be allowed to return," Woodard said.

Emergency Medical Services Au-

thority spokeswoman Lara O'Leary said four people, including two firefighters, were treated for minor injuries in the Oklahoma City blaze.

In Texas, part of a state highway was shut down because of tall flames and huge plumes of smoke, officials said. The fire had grown to at least 3,500 acres by Tuesday afternoon, though officials were expect-

ing a more accurate map Wednesday morning, Nichols said.

Temperatures reached 106 degrees in the area Tuesday afternoon with winds gusting up to 28 mph, said National Weather Service meteorologist Jason Dunn. By nightfall, gusts were at about 20 mph and the temperature was around 99.

Cloud cover expected to move in

overnight could help keep the winds around 10 mph, though winds as strong as 20 mph and were expected by afternoon and temperatures again could climb into the triple-digits, Dunn said.

"When you get just a little bit of wind in these dry conditions, it just doesn't take anything to get a fire started," Nichols said.

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electricity and buy little power from Austin Energy," Bonin said. "UT negotiated a new contract for the Pickle [Research] Campus, and it will result in a five-year average of a 2.03 percent increase."

The Pickle Research Campus in North Austin is the largest solar energy project in Austin and generates about 406,000 kilowatt-hours of energy a year — about one-third of the campus' total energy consumption, according to the UT website.

Utilities and Energy Management manager Bobby Speer said the UT power plant supplies energy to all of the buildings on campus.

"We have buildings on Austin Energy, but that is a contract that is negotiated," Speer said. "All state facilities agree to rates that are pre-agreed to

or negotiated with."

Human biology sophomore Claire Smith lives at The Vintage on West Campus and is not excited about a potential rate increase.

"I just now started living in an apartment, so this is my first time having to worry about utility costs," Smith said. "Basically, I would hate it [if the energy rates increased]."

Undeclared engineering sophomore Chase Hoffstadt, who lives in a duplex in North Campus, said he does not want to pay more for electricity but understands the need for Austin Energy to raise its rates.

"If the raise is needed to continue to provide energy and to decrease costs and losses on the supplier side, then I would understand the raise in prices," Hoffstadt said.

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of the Jefferson 26 apartments. Medical examiners found traces of LSD and marijuana in the body of Toole, who also fell from the fifth-floor balcony of his Goodall-Wooten dormitory.

Sarah Scott, chief administrative officer for the Travis County Medical Examiner's Office, said an autopsy was conducted on Holland's body Tuesday and examiners are currently processing he results. Scott said toxicology reports on the body will not be available for four to six weeks.

"Sometimes, when there is an obvious case of an injury, such as blunt force trauma, we'll go ahead and assign a cause of death because the cause will be the same regardless of the toxicology report," Scott said. "A toxicology report will tell us what kind of substances were in the individual's blood stream and an alcohol presence will be confirmed or eliminated from the report."

APD public information specialist Helena Wright said police are almost certain Holland's fall was accidental but are currently looking into the case.

"If a death is ruled accidental, there will be no further investigation," Wright said. "But something like this isn't open and shut that quickly, and they may still be gathering information."

City residential inspector Byron Kurka said patio guardrails are required to stand 42 inches above

the floor surface, and pickets along the railing cannot be more than four inches apart.

"Your average person's center of gravity is below 42 inches," Kurka said. "The rail hits you at above your center of gravity, but unfortunately, a lot of times people sit on the edge or on a barstool next to it. When you're sitting on a barstool right next to it your center of gravity is going to be over that limit."

The Block management did not return phone calls inquiring whether building codes are up to standards.

Funeral services for the UT sophomore friends described as loyal and energetic are scheduled for this weekend in the Dallas area. Visitation for Holland will be held Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ted Dickey West Funeral Home in Dallas, and the funeral will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Custer Road United Methodist Church in Plano.

Finance junior Ali Mavrakis, close friend of Holland, created a Facebook event to inform people about the arrangements. Mavrakis and other friends of the former student gathered Tuesday night at the University Catholic Center to remember Holland and share sentiments. An additional Facebook event has been created, inviting approximately 2,000 students from UT and other schools to wear yellow, Holland's favorite color, on Sept. 6 in his honor.

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RecSports estimated 19,000 to 20,000 people attended the event throughout the day, Randall said.

"You can hear it, see it from far away," said aerospace engineering sophomore Trevor Montgomery of Longhorn Hellraisers, a spirit organization. "One stroll through here and you can find something. To know that we as an organization can recruit people here, it's just really good."

The schedule of events included a basketball scholarship shoot out, information about event sponsor Texas Student Media, a mini-putt golf challenge, photo booth, Cactus Yearbook lemonade, samples of Amy's ice cream and a student organization fair.

"We're trying to get our name out there, trying to get girls to rush," said nutrition sophomore Julie Chen of Sigma Phi Omega while distributing flyers to students passing through. "Joining is one of the best decisions I've made here."

Besides showcasing spirit groups, and Greek organizations, Party on the Plaza also displayed the recreational sports students are encouraged to take part in while at UT.

"We're promoting our outdoor adventure trips here," said rhetoric and writing junior Jacob Johnson, who manages RecSports' outdoor equipment, including the rock climbing wall in Gregory Gym. "This event's just good in general for all the clubs, especially for the freshmen who live in Jester and don't know about all of these things."

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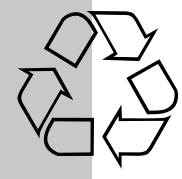
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**Ethel O'Connor picks up supplies at an elementary school in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene, Wednesday, in Killington, Vt. Running low on food and money, Vermont residents stranded by flooded roads relied upon provisions dropped by National Guard troops to get by.**

Matt Rourke | Associated Press

## Rivers begin receding in Northeast

By Michael Hill  
& Samantha Henry  
The Associated Press

KILLINGTON, Vt. — Swollen rivers began falling Wednesday in much of the Northeast, allowing relief crews to reach the last of the tiny Vermont towns that had been entirely cut off from help by Hurricane Irene's fast-moving floodwaters.

The receding water eased the flooding that had paralyzed parts of the region and revealed more damage to homes, farms and businesses across the flood-scarred landscape. Repair estimates indicated that the storm would almost certainly rank among the nation's costliest natural disasters, despite packing a lighter punch than initially feared.

Of the 11 towns that had been severed from the outside world, the

final one to be reached by rescuers was tiny Wardsboro, a village of 850 in the Green Mountains. The community is little more than a post office and some houses standing along Route 100, a highway popular in the fall with tourists searching out autumn colors.

The National Guard continued to ferry supplies to mountain towns that had no electricity, no telephone service and limited transportation in or out. Eight helicopters were expected to arrive Wednesday with food, blankets, tarps and drinking water.

In the ski resort town of Killington, residents came to the elementary school for free hot dogs and corn-on-the-cob. Jason and Angela Heaslip picked up a bag filled with peanut butter, cereal and toilet paper for their three children and three others visiting from Long Is-

land. "Right now, they're getting little portions because we're trying to make the food last," said Jason Heaslip, who only has a dollar in his bank account because the storm has kept him from getting paid by the resort where he works.

Don Fielder, a house painter in Gaytsville, said the White River roared through his house, tearing the first floor off the foundation and filling a bathroom tub with mud. He was upbeat as he showed a visitor the damage but said he's reluctant to go into town for fear he will cry when people ask about the home he built himself 16 years ago.

Other losses include a 1957 Baldwin piano and a collection of 300 Beanie Babies amassed by his daughter, who does not live with him but has a bedroom at his house.

"I bet that's in the river," he said.

Irene has been blamed for at least 45 deaths in the continental U.S., plus one in Puerto Rico and seven more in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

If that death toll stands, it would be comparable to 1999's Hurricane Floyd, which caused 57 deaths in the U.S. and the Bahamas when moved through the Caribbean and charged up the East Coast into New England. At the time, it was the deadliest U.S. hurricane in nearly 40 years but was later dwarfed by the 1,800 deaths caused by Katrina in 2005.

An estimate released immediately after Irene by the Kinetic Analysis Corp., a consulting firm that uses computer models to project storm losses, put the damage at \$7.2 billion in eight states and Washington, D.C.

## Obama jobs council calls for more engineers, scientists

By Jonathan Cooper  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — More than 40 major companies have agreed to double the number of engineering internships they offer in a bid to help universities train more people for jobs that require math and science skills, President Barack Obama's jobs and competitiveness

council announced on Wednesday.

The commitment from high-tech, health care, financial and other companies creates about 6,300 new engineering internships. It's part of a short-term goal to graduate 10,000 more American engineers each year, bringing the total to about 130,000 annual graduates.

Obama's competitiveness council hopes the new internships will help

engineering schools improve abysmal retention rates. Forty percent of science and math majors drop out, according to the American Society for Engineering Education.

Some companies would like to hire engineers in the U.S. but are exporting jobs to Asia because of a shortage of qualified Americans, Energy Secretary Steven Chu said.

"We need engineers. We need scientists," Chu said. "This is going to be at the heart of how the United States is going to remain competitive."

Chu and other Obama administration officials were in Oregon to solicit ideas from business executives and engineering school deans in an event at Portland State University. They were told that engineering is a misunderstood profession, and that the K-12 education system is letting down many would-be engineers before they reach college.

The lack of interest from American students means universities here

are educating engineers from other countries, many of whom struggle to get authorization to work in the U.S. when they graduate, said Paul Otellini, chairman and chief executive of Intel Corp., and a member of Obama's jobs council.

"We have plenty of spots, we just need to get more of the population into those spots," Otellini said.

Improving math and science education, even for young children in elementary school, can ensure that students aren't turned off from math and are ready to tackle challenging engineering courses when they reach college.

"Engineering in itself is cool, it's tangible," said Leah Jamieson, dean of the College of Engineering at Purdue University. "Kids like building things, understanding things."

The Republican National Committee released a statement saying Obama's job creation efforts are "all rhetoric and no results."



Rick Bowmer | Associated Press

Steven Chu, secretary of energy speaks while Paul Otellini, president and CEO of Intel Corporation, left, listens during a session Wednesday.

## Greenpeace blocks Brazilian offices to stop oil exploration

By Flora Charner  
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Greenpeace activists shut down a petroleum services company Wednesday to protest oil exploration near a Brazilian marine national park.

Two groups of activists took part: those dressed as humpback whales and others dressed in suits and masks that resembled the face of Eike Batista, the Brazilian billionaire who controls the oil-services and shipbuilding company OGX Brasil. The Batista look-alikes dumped oil on top of the protesters dressed as whales in front of OGX's headquarters.

Humpback whales breed near Abrolhos, an archipelago off the coast of the northeastern state of Bahia that is home to the Abrolhos Marine National Park.

Greenpeace wants oil companies to agree to a 20-year moratorium on oil exploration near the islands so the whales have time to reproduce and increase their population, said Ricardo Baitelo, the international organization's energy-campaign coordinator for Brazil.

The national park is the only area in the south Atlantic where the whales breed, making it essential to their survival, Baitelo said.

OGX director Paulo Mendonca

said their operations are fully compliant with Brazilian legislation.

"The company considers the Abrolhos Marine National Park important for biodiversity, and believes it should be preserved," Mendonca said in a written statement.

Greenpeace kicked off its moratorium campaign this year in response to a federal court's decision in December to allow oil exploration within a previously protected, 30-mile radius of the national park.

Shortly after the decision, the National Petroleum Agency opened bidding for exploration licenses on 16 blocks that were completely or partially included in the previously protected area, the agency said in a statement issued at the time.

Companies that landed the licenses included Petrobras, Shell, Perenco and Batista's OGX, among others.

Greenpeace would like to protect nearly 37,000 square miles of territory, including the park, Baitelo said.

Brazil's state-run oil giant Petrobras responded that it wasn't going to explore within the 30-mile radius.

But others didn't respond, including OGX and Perenco, an Anglo-French oil and gas company.

Greenpeace protested at Perenco's Rio de Janeiro office on Tuesday.

"We're trying to push them to give us an answer now," Baitelo said.



Silvia Izquierdo | Associated Press

A Greenpeace activist dressed as an oil-covered humpback whale protests at the office of OGX Brasil in Rio de Janeiro Wednesday.

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## New sonogram law struck down

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks struck down key provisions of a sonogram law passed during the legislative session last spring, according to The Associated Press. The law, which would have taken effect today, requires women seeking an abortion to view a sonogram and listen to the heartbeat of the fetus at least 24 hours before the procedure.

*“[It] is difficult to avoid the troubling conclusion the Texas Legislature either wants to permanently brand women who choose to get abortions, or views these certifications as potential evidence to be used against physicians and women.”*

— Sparks in his decision, which issued a preliminary injunction against the sonogram law.

*“Every life lost to abortion is a tragedy and today’s ruling is a great disappointment to all Texans who stand in defense of life.”*

— Gov. Rick Perry in a statement released Tuesday in response to Sparks’ decision.

*“We look at this ruling as a huge victory for women in Texas and an important signal that the Legislature went too far when it passed this law.”*

— Julie Rikelman, a lawyer with the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights, which sought the injunction, in response to the decision, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

## And it’s goodbye to A&amp;M

Texas A&M announced Wednesday in a press release that it will leave the Big 12 Conference effective next summer if accepted by another conference.

*“After much thought and consideration, and pursuant to the action of the [Texas A&M University System] Board of Regents authorizing me to take action related to Texas A&M University’s athletic conference alignment, I have determined it is in the best interest of Texas A&M to make application to join another athletic conference.”*

— Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin in a letter Wednesday to conference commissioner Dan Beebe on A&M’s decision to leave the Big 12.

*“There is no question as to which conference offers a better long-term outlook for A&M.”*

— The editorial board of The Battalion, the student newspaper of Texas A&M, in an editorial last week suggesting A&M should leave the Big 12 and join the Southeastern Conference.

*“As Texas’ third largest school and one of only three of the state’s Tier One public universities, it makes absolutely no sense that [the University of Houston] is not part of a major athletic conference.”*

— Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, in a post on his blog last week pushing for the inclusion of the University of Houston in the Big 12 Conference.

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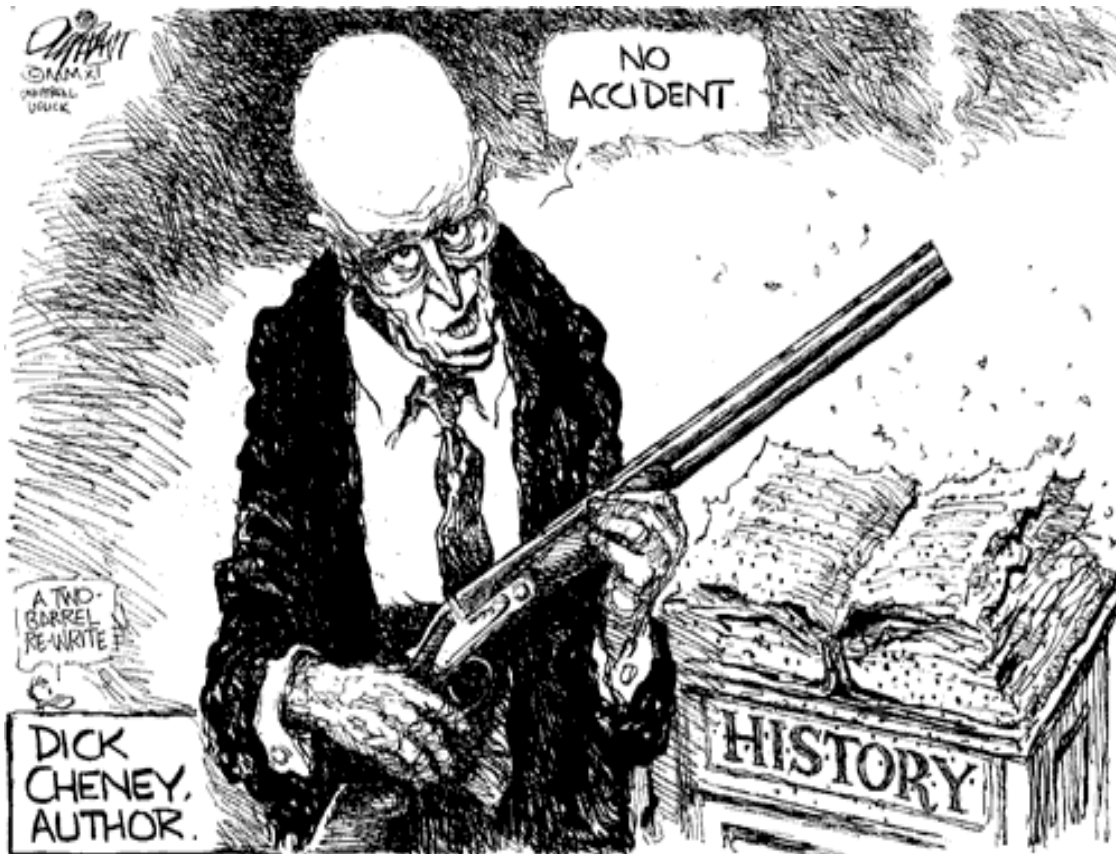
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## GALLERY



## A different Labor Day this year

By James C. Harrington  
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Labor Day is different this year. Usually, Labor Day is a time to remember that this holiday on the calendar pays tribute to our country’s workers and reminds us of the great changes that unions helped bring into our social and economic lives.

This year is different because of the orchestrated attacks on labor unions and public employees nationwide and because workers are devalued in our current economic debate.

Virtually no attention is paid to workers in the budget-cutting scenarios on the federal or Texas level. Cutting jobs from a budget is devastating to families, and there is strong consensus among economists these days that eliminating public jobs damages the economy rather than helps it. Laying thousands of teachers off as a result of Texas’ new budget hurts teachers and the economy, and it has a rippling effect on other people’s jobs. It also harms students. Texas had a \$9.4 billion Rainy Day Fund, of which lawmakers used about one-third to shore up a hole in the 2010-11 budget. How much better off would the Texas economy and its schools be if they had used two-thirds, or \$6.3 billion, of the fund?

At this point, we are in more of a tsunami than a “rainy day.” The Texas unemployment rate just jumped from 8.2 percent to 8.4 percent (the highest in 24 years) because of the recent loss of public sector jobs.

Nationwide, some 14 million Americans are unemployed. There are more than four jobless workers for every job opening. Increasing numbers of children (more than 15 million) and families live in poverty. Gaps in wealth and income are growing between the relatively affluent few and the many who are struggling.

Hand-in-hand with the devaluation of workers is the scapegoating by legislators in other states regarding collective bargaining rights for educators, police, firefighters and other public employees. Somehow workers are blamed for not balancing the economy on their backs rather than companies benefitting from massive profits and tax breaks. Warren Buffett drove home this point in a column in The New York Times earlier this month: “Stop coddling the super-rich.”

Federal law requires detailed “environment impact” statements for construction projects “significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.” We need laws that require legislators to prepare and adopt worker

impact statements before reducing public budgets. They should also be obligated to search the budget for other places to cut before eliminating or reducing jobs. And, in some cases, raising taxes is more in tune with shared sacrifice than taking away people’s jobs or driving them to jobs with ever lower pay and fewer benefits.

Labor Day came into being to honor working people who have struggled and continue to struggle to make our democracy vibrant and strong. Organized labor brought us the five-day week, overtime pay, minimum wage, workplace safety protections and employer-provided health insurance.

Most Americans don’t remember how hard, long and even bloody the struggle was — how many people went to jail, lost their jobs and died. The justice of its goals even attracted support from some of the nation’s religious communities.

Many of those religious communities are reminding us again this year of the growing inequities suffered by workers and their loss of dignity and respect.

This Labor Day, we should pause and reflect on these matters and redirect our democracy to greater justice.

Harrington is director of the nonprofit Texas Civil Rights Project and an adjunct professor in the School of Law.

## Write for The Daily Texan

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Daily Texan Columnist

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Barack Obama may not be a frequent reader, but a copy of the Texan runs across UT President

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# SHADY LADY



Sophia Benner, a community and regional planning graduate student, takes a lunch break in the shade behind the architecture building Wednesday afternoon.

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## Authorities say mother forced daughter to abort pregnancy

By Juan A. Lozano  
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Houston woman got an abortion for her 12-year-old mentally disabled daughter in an effort to hide evidence that her son sexually assaulted the girl, authorities said.

The woman made her initial court appearance Monday on a charge of tampering with evidence. Prosecutors allege in court documents that she took her daughter to a Cleveland clinic, where she had an abortion on Oct. 22.

Her 19-year-old son was indicted

earlier this year on three counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child under 14 years old.

During an interview with investigators in December, the girl, who has moderate mental retardation, said her brother had sex with her in March 2010 and on several other occasions.

“She said she got pregnant because he had sex with her and said her mom took her to Ohio to have an operation so it wouldn’t hurt when the baby came out. [The girl] said ... that her brother ... was the father of the baby,” according to a probable cause affidavit.

Authorities say the mother knew of the investigation in the case and she “attempted to conceal evidence, the fetus/biological evidence, by taking [her daughter] to have an abortion in Ohio so the evidence would not be available for the investigation,” according to the affidavit. Investigators say they recovered the fetus.

The 50-year-old mother had tried getting the abortion a week earlier, but her daughter was too hysterical at the time, according to court documents.

Her son’s attorney, Christian Capitaine, said that the mother, as

a concerned parent, had every right to seek an abortion for her daughter, whom the woman might have believed would not be capable of taking care of an infant.

Capitaine said that at the time of the abortion, the mother was unaware an investigation was going on that was focusing on her son and that the son wasn’t charged in the case until April.

“What you have is a case where folks are jumping to conclusions,” he said.

Capitaine said the son denies sexually assaulting his sister. His case has not been set for trial.

## Violent video games prove harmful to ads

By Jennifer Berke  
Daily Texan Staff

Advertisements branded with violent video games are perceived negatively by the general population and especially by women, according to a recent UT study.

According to the study, featured violence in video games leads to a diminishing memory of brands and promotes a more negative opinion of the products. Participants in the study, which included men and women, had

rather than looking at differences between male and female perceptions, the study should have included the opinions of novice gamers versus experienced gamers.

“Advertisers should refrain from investing in ads in violent video games when targeting female gamers.”

— Jorge Pena, assistant professor

net & American Life Project showed that 99 percent of teen boys and 94 percent of teen girls play video games. Yoo said advertisers chose to feature their ads in violent video games because they want to reach mass audience.

“However, they do not know much about the effects beyond just forced exposure of their ads,” Yoo said.

Although violent video games are highly popular, their effectiveness as an advertising medium is questionable, said Department of Communication Studies assistant professor Jorge Pena, who was also the co-author of the study.

“Advertisers should refrain from investing in ads in violent video games when targeting female gamers,” Pena said. “We believe advertising in violent media is not only morally questionable but also perhaps an ineffective advertising strategy.”

Communication sophomore Marc Morales said he normally doesn’t pay attention to advertisements, but if an image keeps emerging, it eventually stays with him.

Department of Advertising associate professor Matthew Eastin said

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## FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Peter Jinkens, right, will suit up for Texas in 2012. The linebacker from Dallas Skyline is the No. 5 player at his position in the state.



Courtesy of Orangebloods.com

# Texas Adds Pair

## Longhorns continue to bring in top recruits despite down season

By Nick Cremona  
Daily Texan Staff

Every year, college football coaches pursue the nation's top players and try to convince them to play for their team. For some players, the choice on where to play is simple, and they don't need any further convincing. Others mull over the decision, weighing such variables as potential playing time, proximity to their home and the overall feel of the program recruiting them.

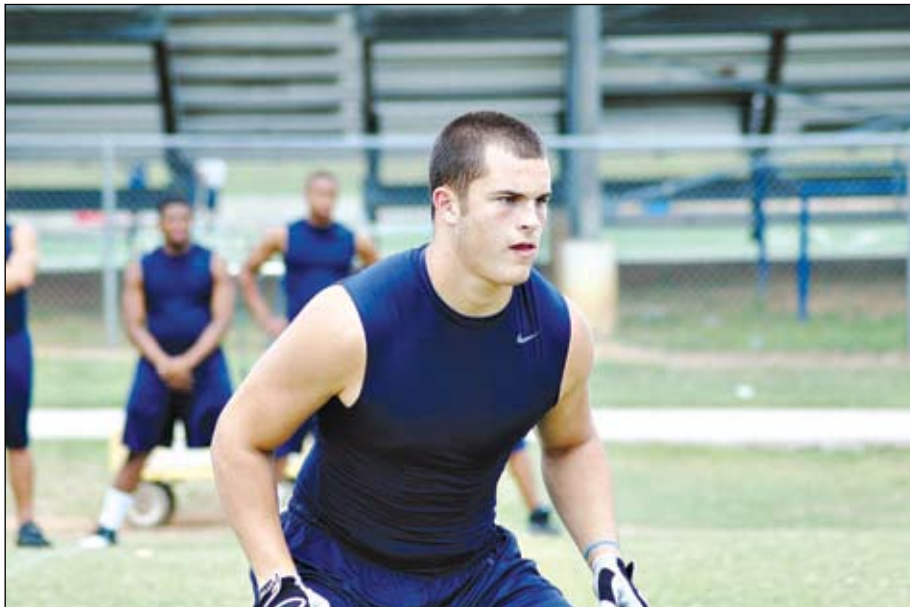
In the end, it is the players' decision, and in recent years, more and

more of the nation's best are choosing to come to Austin.

"Texas was just the best combination of tradition, comfortability and an academic future," said 2012 commitment Alex De La Torre. "I love [Head] Coach [Mack] Brown, [defensive coordinator] Coach [Manny] Diaz and the staff and how the Texas players are one big unit, a family if you will. I just knew then, when I had the Texas experience, that I wanted to be a Longhorn."

De La Torre is just one of 18

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Alex De La Torre is one of 18 recruits committed to Texas from the class of 2012.

Courtesy of Orangebloods.com

## FOOTBALL



Chris Komiczak | Daily Texan file photo

Blaine Irby hauls in a pass during a 2008 game against UTEP. The tight end has missed nearly three seasons with a knee injury.

## Tight end ready to take field for first time in three years

By Sara Beth Purdy  
Daily Texan Staff

With the release of head coach Mack Brown's fluid depth chart for the game against Rice on Saturday, most people in college football were buzzing about his decision to start junior Garrett Gilbert at quarterback for the first game despite his abysmal stats from the 2010 season.

However, if you read beyond the line that corresponds to the quarterback position, one addition to the depth chart may seem surprising — the inclusion of senior Blaine Irby at H-back on the first team offense.

Most of the upperclassmen on the 40 Acres remember when Irby was injured in the game

against Rice back in September of 2008. The highly talented tight end out of California had his leg trapped between the field and an Owl defender, dislocating his knee. The injury was so traumatic that his doctors and the athletic training staff at Texas were not sure he would even walk normally again. Irby tore several key ligaments in his right knee and lost feeling in his right leg because of several pinched nerves.

After several years of intense physical therapy, Irby can not only walk normally but has returned to full strength and will see the field for the game this Saturday.

"We're thoroughly excited

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## MOST IMPORTANT LONGHORN NO. 2

## Young secondary leaning on Gideon

*Editor's Note: The Daily Texan will introduce one more important Longhorn each issue. Here is No. 2 of the Texan's 10 Most Important Longhorns.*

By Christian Corona  
Daily Texan Staff

When it comes to experience, Texas doesn't have a lot of it. But Blake Gideon does.

Some of his experiences in a Texas uniform have been better than others. As a freshman, Gideon dropped an interception in the fourth quarter against Texas Tech that would have

sealed a victory for the Longhorns. Instead, Michael Crabtree scored in the final seconds, and the Red Raiders handed Texas its only loss of the year. The following season, Gideon notched an interception in both the Big 12 and national title games. He's the epitome of durability, starting all 39 games since he arrived on the 40 Acres, although many of the 12 he made last season, he'll want to forget.

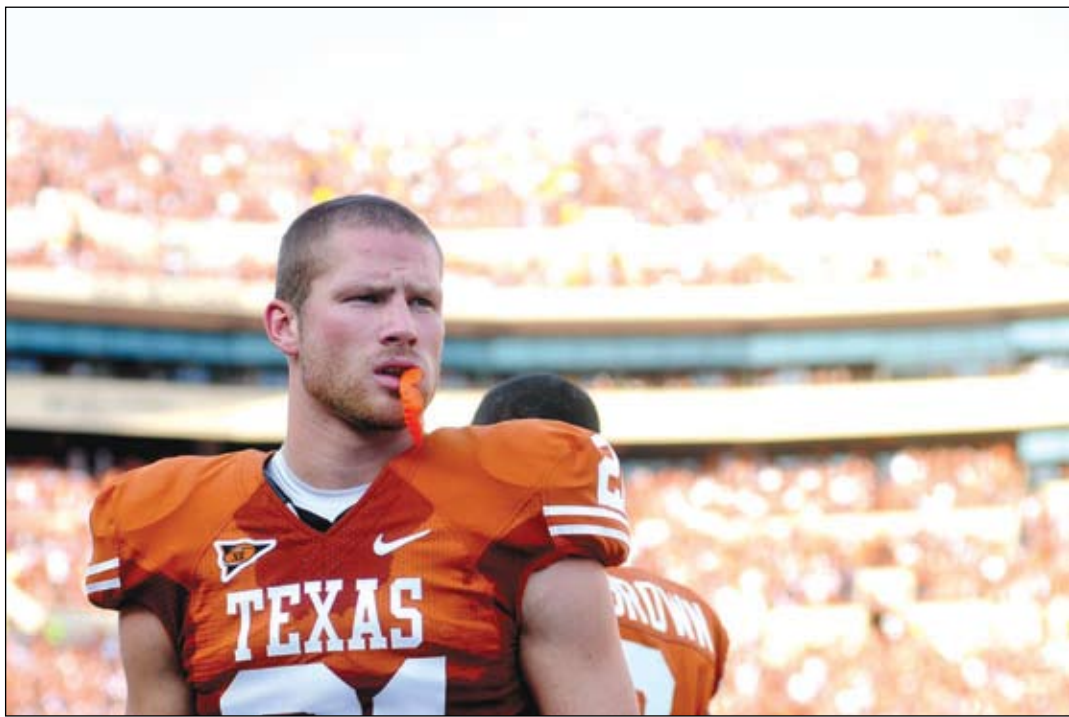
"People were mad, and nobody was fun to be around, but that's what it needed to be," Gideon said. "The main motivation for us was just remembering that feeling we had after

the last game this past year and that pit in our stomach that we knew we let each other down. We let our coaches down. We let our fan base down."

Gideon and his teammates are looking forward to putting last season behind them and making this year a memorable one.

"Any time you come off a sub-par performance in a season, then you need to really look in the mirror and look at things you're doing from top to bottom," Gideon said. "Obviously, something wasn't

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John Smith | Daily Texan Staff / Associated Press

Blake Gideon is the elder statesman in a young Texas secondary and has emerged as the leader of the defensive backs in his senior season.

## SIDELINE

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## LONGHORN SPOTLIGHT

## Kylie Doniak, #15



**Position:**  
Forward  
**Height:** 5' 10"  
**Class:** Senior  
**Hometown:**  
Chino Hills, CA

Kylie Doniak was named the Big 12 Soccer Offensive Player of the Week on Wednesday.

Doniak scored three goals and added an assist in three games last week, leading to three wins for the Longhorns.

She leads the conference in points (nine) and is tied for first with four goals.

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Track and field season begins as Horns head to San Antonio

Texas will return to the track today as it takes on UTSA in San Antonio.

The Longhorns placed second behind Texas A&M in the conference last season on the strength of its field events.

Texas is led by junior Marquise Goodwin, the defending conference champion in the long jump. Goodwin has taken the year off from football to focus solely on track and return to his freshman form which garnered him a national title.

The Longhorns had a strong showing in the field events that resulted in second place finishes in the decathlon, shot put and the high jump. They were also able to record other top-five finishes in these events.

Improving on its sprinting events will be necessary if Texas wants to dethrone the Aggies and claim a conference championship. Last season, the men earned their highest finish since 2006.

At the NCAA championships, Texas finished 12th in the nation and third among the Big 12 teams there.

— Wes Maulsby

### Quarterback transfers to Buffs, linebacker injured in practice

The Longhorns lost a pair of players on Wednesday.

After failing to secure the starting job at quarterback, Connor Wood will transfer to Colorado.

The redshirt freshman was listed as the No. 3 quarterback on the Texas depth chart, behind starter Garrett Gilbert and Case McCoy.

Wood's decision to leave could mean that freshman QB David Ash will not redshirt this year.

Sophomore linebacker Demarco Cobbs broke his arm in practice and will be out indefinitely.

Cobbs was listed as the second string strongside linebacker on the depth chart and will likely be replaced by freshman Tevin Jackson.

Cobbs appeared in 12 games last season on special teams.

— Austin Layman



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about Blaine playing,” said Jeff Madden, assistant athletics director for strength and conditioning. “Blaine has done such a tremendous job all season — for three years now almost. He’s busted his tail every single day. He’s pulling on our coattails trying to get himself back out there.”

This season Irby will bring the same kind of leadership to the field he did in 2008 in addition to a work ethic that the coaches praise.

“He is a tremendous leader. The thing that’s amazing about him — I’ve never seen him get down one day throughout all of this,” Brown said. “He hasn’t missed anything. And he’s been just a tremendous influence on all the other players. I’ve seen him get more animated every single day, and [he’s] starting to become an outstanding leader.”

Everyone associated with the program is excited to have Irby back on the field this season. When Irby arrived at Texas, he immediately made a huge impact at tight end and Brown has commented that since his injury, they have had a lot of problems with consistency at that position. The coaches believe having him back is one step toward a solid offensive identity, something that was lacking in last year’s season.

His teammates are just as excited,

if not more so, than the coaches.

“He’s that same violent runner and competitor Blaine has always been,” said senior Blake Gideon. “He is ready to play now, so we will play with him.”

His status as a starter on Saturday also comes with a bit of apprehension. Irby has repeatedly expressed that he’s ready and excited for Saturday, although he admits he’s a bit anxious since he hasn’t faced an actual opponent in three years. Brown, who has seen the careers of many athletes end because of injury, is perhaps more anxious than anyone and still worries about Irby being on the field.

“Every time I see him out there, I worry,” Brown said. “But he’s been released by everybody, and everybody says he’s fine. And he said to me that, ‘I really want to play. I just want to do this. I just need to do this.’ And that’s fair. That’s fair to him. He’s scrimmaged. He’s tackled. He’s been hit. He’s blocked. And I really think he’s well and very excited about next week.”

Doctors told him he would never play football again. Come Saturday, no one will be more excited than Irby.

“I’m glad to be back,” Irby said. “It’s been a long process. It’s been a really long road, but I’m just glad to be back with my teammates.”

GUEST COLUMN

Rivalry in jeopardy as Aggies exit Big 12

*Editor’s Note: With the Wednesday announcement that Texas A&M had officially sent in a letter of withdrawal from the Big 12 Conference, we wanted to get the opinion of Adrian O’Hanlon III, the sports editor of A&M’s school paper, The Battalion.*

The breakup is official as Texas

By **Adrain O’Hanlon III**  
Daily Texan Staff

A&M notified the Big 12 Conference of its intention to join another athletic conference Wednesday.

What a historic turning point in the relationship between A&M and Texas. For centuries, our fans and alumni have bantered back and forth, arguing which school has a more prestigious academic program, a more successful athletic program and who best represents the state of Texas.

Longhorns and Aggies will riot without the Texas showdown, so officials would be smart to sign off on a contract. A&M agreed to renew its rivalry with Arkansas to play in the annual Southwest Classic at Jerry’s World, and fans of both schools will plan well in advance to make the trip. The bottom line: The two schools will reach an agreement to play a non-conference game once per year ...

Or else.

Already, message boards are bursting with passionate responses to the



Fans watch the Texas vs. A&M game on Nov. 25, 2010. The game will most likely be one of the last between the two schools as conference rivals.

Erika Rich  
Daily Texan  
file photo

recent news, its effects on the rivalry, the conference, A&M’s future and construction plans of a bronze statue to honor Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin. The majority of conversations surround the stability of the Big 12. Will it survive the departure of three teams in two years?

I believe so. The conference has the potential to nab big name programs in BYU, Notre Dame, Air Force and TCU. In addition, SMU placed its name in the hat with interest in joining the league.

The real question is how the con-

ference will rank potential prospects. Location should play a larger role in this round of musical chairs after the Big 12 and its board of directors addressed the importance of geographical rivalries.

Loftin expressed his appreciation of conference officials in the withdrawal process.

“We appreciate the Big 12’s willingness to engage in a dialogue to end our relationship through mutually agreeable settlement,” Loftin said. “We, too, desire that this process be as amicable and prompt as possible and

result in a resolution of all outstanding issues, including mutual waivers by Texas A&M and the conference on behalf of all the remaining members.”

The university announced it will submit an application to join an unidentified conference. At this point, all signs point to the Southeastern Conference, as Loftin said in a press conference on Aug. 15 that he had contacted only the SEC. The SEC has yet to extend an invitation, so Aggie fans must postpone any celebration plans.

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working so it was important for us to start over and get back to the work ethic that built this program to what it is.”

Over the last three seasons, Gideon has made 194 tackles — 64 in 2008, 62 in 2009 and 68 in 2010. As good a safety as he might be, Gideon will need some help in the secondary to slow down the spectacular class of quarterbacks the Big 12 has to offer. Texas’ other starting safety, Kenny Vaccaro, is a junior, but the Longhorns’ top three cornerbacks — Carrington Byndom, Adrian Phillips and Quandre Diggs — are all underclassmen. Gideon has done his part to help them along this off-season.

“After that first snap, you’re not a freshman anymore,” Gideon said. “You’re at UT. You’re here for a reason.”

Those underclassmen will get their first test Saturday against Rice. The Owls may not seem like they could present too much of a challenge, but Rice won its last two games last year while Texas won two of its last nine. Rice’s sophomore quarterback Taylor McHargue spent his high school days at Vista Ridge High School playing in District 16-5A, the same district Gideon’s Leander Lions were in. Gideon, however, never faced him.

“McHargue came from a great school district, the best in Texas,” Gideon said. “All those guys compete. They’re all Texas high school football products just like us. They can be dangerous at any moment if we don’t respect them the way we should and if we don’t focus on every aspect of the game.”

Barring any career-threatening injuries — it takes a lot to keep Gideon off a football field, playing four games in high school with a broken back — the senior safety should make at least another dozen starts this year, which would bring him to more than 50. If Texas improves on its 5-7 record from last season, he’ll save his best ones for last.

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Aggies once they’re in the Southeastern Conference, for a few years at least. Say goodbye to the 12th man, the yell leaders, to Reveille. As much as we denigrate all of Texas A&M’s school spirit, it’s special. You can’t get it anywhere else.

This rivalry lasted 117 years and will end because one rich school was fed up with a richer school. Bobby Layne and Bear Bryant just rolled over in their graves. Money does more than talk.

It’s easy to point out that Texas A&M doesn’t have much of a chance at winning in the SEC. It hasn’t won a game against a SEC team since 1995. But this isn’t a shortsighted decision.

“We are seeking to generate greater visibility nationwide for Texas A&M and our championship-caliber student-athletes, as well as secure the necessary and stable financial resources to support our athletic and academic programs,” Texas A&M President R. Bowen Loftin

wrote in the withdrawal letter. “This is a 100-year decision that we have addressed carefully.”

Texas shouldn’t criticize a school for doing what it thinks is for its best interest, despite the disagreement of some — ahem, the Longhorn Network.

Rather, they should worry about the state of the Big 12 now, a conference whose prestige is quickly dwindling after losing three schools in the past year. There are two perennial powers now — Texas and Oklahoma.

“We are strong supporters and members of the Big 12 conference. Recent events have not altered our confidence in the league,” said Texas athletics director DeLoss Dodds in a statement.

So competition should be a bit lighter but at what cost? The Big 12 will be one of the weaker BCS conferences thanks to Texas A&M’s upheaval.

Maybe the Aggies are more important than they thought.

“Recent events have not altered our confidence in the league” — DeLoss Dodds, Texas Athletics Director

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commitments the Longhorns have inked for the 2012 season. The inside linebacker from Ryan High School in Denton also received offers to play at Auburn and Notre Dame but chose to become a Longhorn instead. He still has a full season of high school football left to play, but he’s keeping a close eye on the Texas team.

“I have very high hopes for the team this year,” De La Torre said. “I’m a firm believer in all the coaches that have come in, and I think this year will be a great one.”

Dallas Skyline linebacker Peter Jinkens, another Texas commit, also

has lofty expectations for the Longhorns this season.

“I think we have a really good team and could do something great,” he said.

Jinkens is ranked as the No. 5 outside linebacker in the state and was selected as an ESPN and Under Armour All-American for the class of 2012. He has also taken a liking to Diaz, even offering a new nickname for the former Mississippi State coordinator.

“I think Coach Manny Fresh is going to do a great job,” Jinkens said. “He’s very passionate.”

Jinkens’ decision to come to Texas was an easy one. He played with current Longhorn receiver Mike Davis while at Skyline and says Davis is “like a big brother” to him. In addition to having a good friend on the team, Jinkens admitted Brown had a significant influence on his decision.

“You just can’t tell Coach Mack no,” he said.

Jinkens and De La Torre still have a year before they are officially part of the team, but until then, they will continue to support Texas the best they can — and maybe even convince a few more players to become Longhorns.

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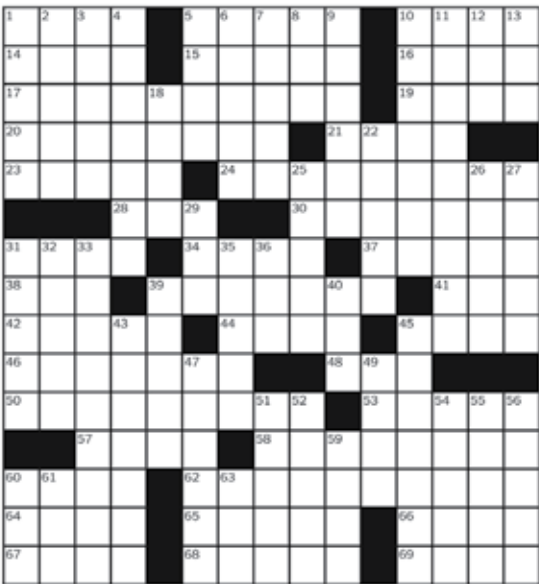


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- Across**
- 1 Dig
  - 5 Ten Commandments verb
  - 10 "\_\_\_ Lake"
  - 14 Baltic Sea feeder
  - 15 Villainous monk in "The Da Vinci Code"
  - 16 "Now I get it," facetiously
  - 17 Fizzle
  - 19 Refill when you don't really need to
  - 20 Irks
  - 21 Hoe and weed, e.g.
  - 23 Anatomical dividers
  - 24 Met the qualifications
  - 28 Env. enclosure
  - 30 Shared with, as a secret
  - 31 Scottish hillside
  - 34 Regarding
  - 37 \_\_\_ élémentaire
  - 38 Director Jacquet of "March of the Penguins"
  - 39 Pay sudden attention to
  - 41 Actor Johnson of "Plan 9 From Outer Space"
  - 42 Taken
  - 44 This, in Toledo
  - 45 A.C.C. athlete
  - 46 Films, of a sort
  - 48 "Curb Your Enthusiasm" shower
  - 50 Confronts
  - 53 Record store section
  - 57 Amateurish
  - 58 Warning often shouted too late
  - 60 Some hairstyles
  - 62 Prove lacking
  - 64 Suffer from
  - 65 Old Olds



Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- Down**
- 1 Five-time A.L. batting champ
  - 2 Like a great deal
  - 3 Prince's partner
  - 4 Peanutty candy
  - 5 Indication of deflation
  - 6 Message on many a stadium sign
  - 7 How Rubik's Cube is best solved
  - 8 "Mighty \_\_\_ a Rose"
  - 9 Airborne African menace
  - 10 Like the Harvard Lampoon
  - 11 It may be the only thing in a bar
  - 12 Crawling African menace
  - 13 Over
  - 18 Peachy
  - 22 Peripheral
  - 25 Flying
  - 26 Sadness
  - 27 Union requirement, maybe?
  - 29 Thor Heyerdahl craft
  - 31 Little things on screens
  - 32 Quickly approach
  - 33 Slightly better than
  - 35 Bothers
  - 36 Overseer of schools: Abbr.
  - 39 Ships
  - 40 "Good one!"
  - 43 They may be cleared with a spray
  - 45 Daredevil's challenge
  - 47 Trash receptacle
  - 49 Fancy wraps
  - 51 Citizen rival
  - 52 New Mexico county
  - 54 Wear down
  - 55 \_\_\_ show
  - 56 Michael who directed the Bond film "The World Is Not Enough"
  - 59 Tomato and vegetable
  - 60 Beat and how!
  - 61 Time piece?
  - 63 Pay back?

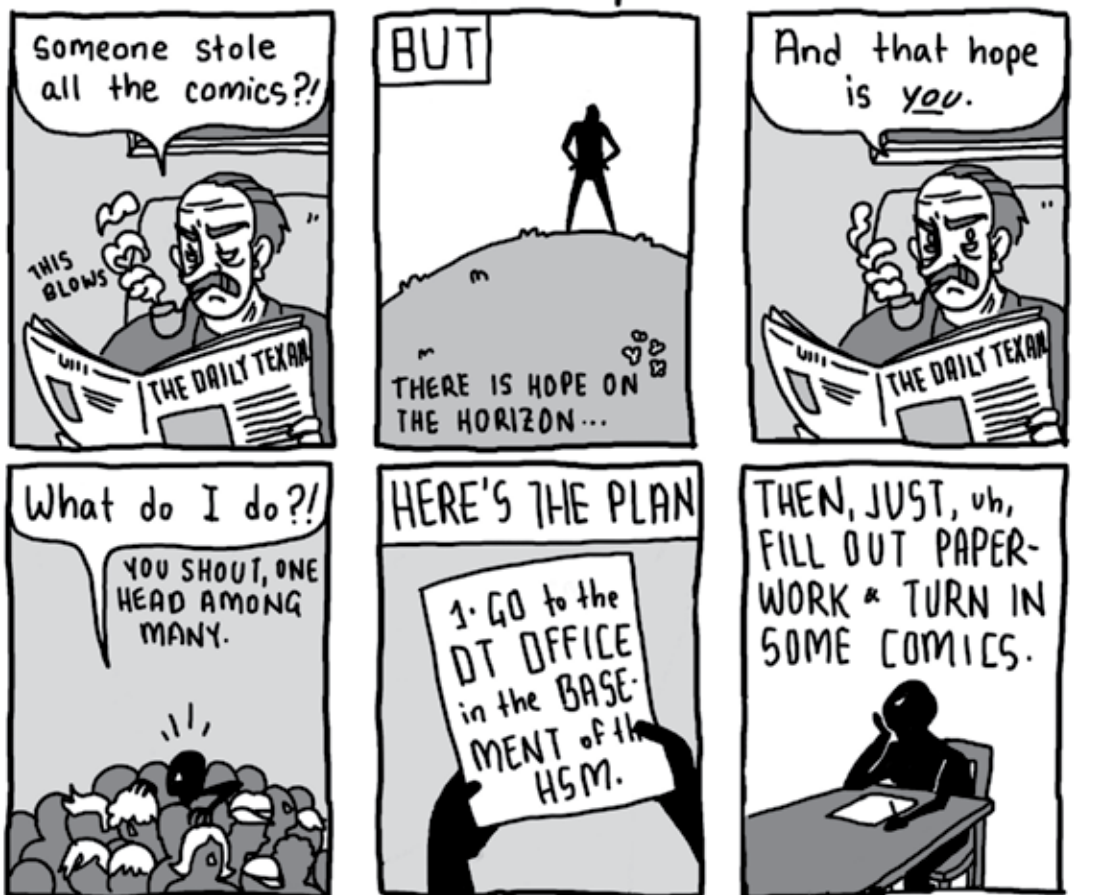
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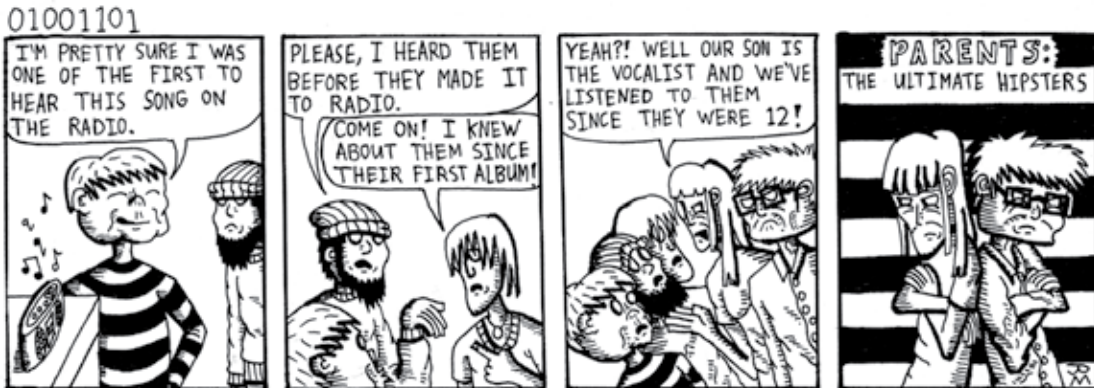
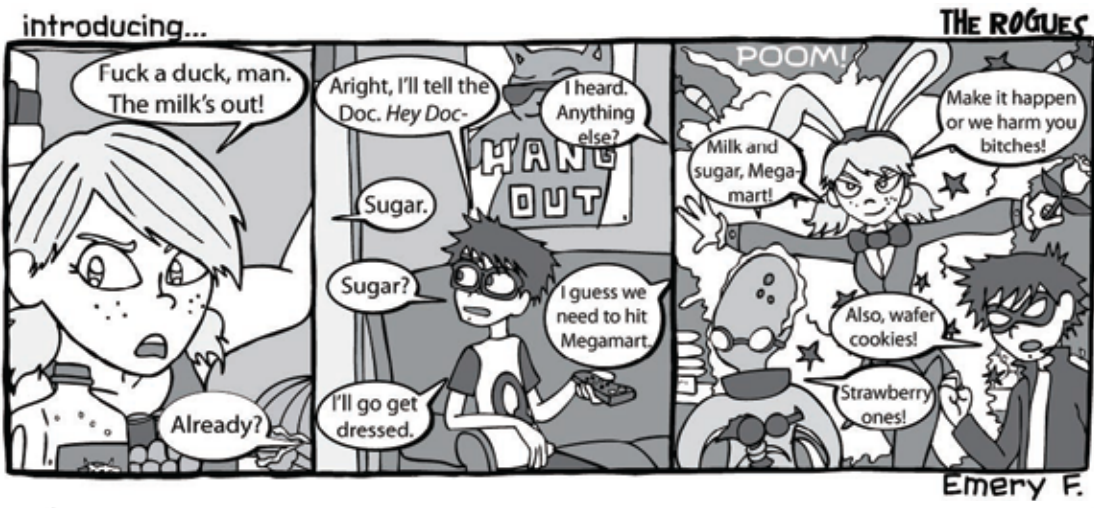
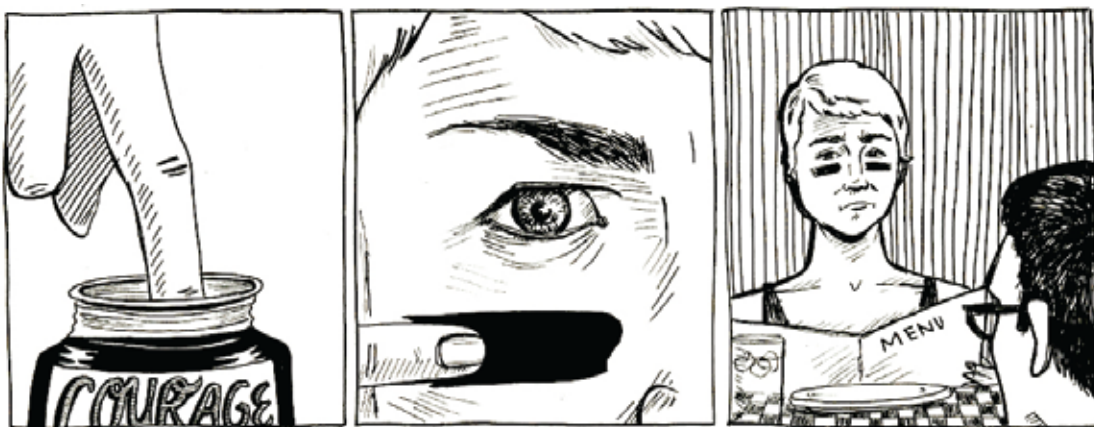
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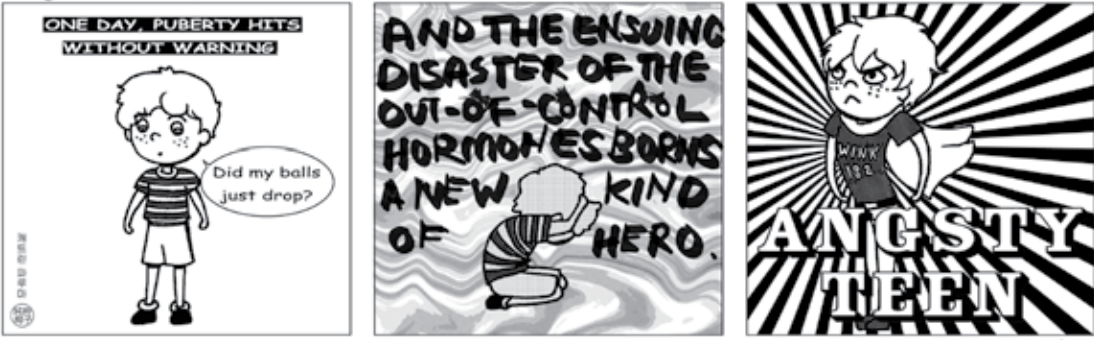
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which often post college-specific events and informational updates — such as special lectures, relevant research, internships and advice tailored to each school's particular interests.

UT Housing and Food

Regardless of whether or not you live in the dorms, UT's housing and food page is a great way to keep updated about where, when and what to eat on campus. It provides regular updates on housing-related activities and the occasional tip on where to get free snacks, which is always a plus for college students who are low on cash.

University of Texas at Austin Police Department

With updates linking to the daily crime reports and general safety tips, UT Police Department's Facebook page is a great way for students to keep informed about keeping safe on-campus, with witty commentary and often dry, self-aware sarcasm present in the stranger incidents reported in Campus Watch.

The Albino Squirrel

Any sighting of this mysterious white-furred squirrel is said to bring you good luck on your tests, especially towards the end of the semester. While the squirrel's fan page doesn't provide any particular hints to its ever-mysterious whereabouts, it does provide occasional observations and personal insight into the current happenings of the campus.

PCL and the UT Libraries

The UT Libraries Facebook page provides many useful tips for studying and taking full advantage of the many resources the campus libraries have to offer outside of late-night study sessions. Included are updates on lesser-known study areas, tips from the undergraduate writing center and research pertaining to current events and campus life.

Entertainment:

University Unions Student Events Center, UT Austin

While many students associate the Texas Union with its many fast food options and Frappuccinos to grab between classes, it is also one of the most central stops at UT for campus events. SEC is the biggest event-planning organization on campus and frequently updates with events, movie showings and general activities.

365 Things To Do In Austin, Texas

Many freshmen make the mistake of thinking that the world ends at Guadalupe Street, but 365 Things To Do posts many suggestions to correct this all-too-common misconception, all provided by an Austinite with half a decade's experience of venturing the city.

Austin Independent Music / Austin City Limits

With Austin being named the Live Music Capital of the country 20 years in a row, not taking advantage of Austin's many music venues would be missing out on quite a bit of what the city has to offer. As the title suggests, Austin Independent Music's Facebook page focuses specifically on recent discoveries of Austin's up-and-coming independent bands and shows. If you're looking for news on the more mainstream festival of our city, the official Austin City Limits Music Festival page is never a bad way to go.

Austin Art List

Austin Art List is a primarily user-run page in which anyone is welcome to post listings of upcoming art events, including (but not limited to): general arts, culinary arts, film, literature, poetry and performing arts.

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

The Alamo Drafthouse keeps Austin weird while continuously proving to be one of the best theaters in the city. Its Facebook page updates with upcoming events, contests and general news surrounding the popular Austin-based dine-in cinema.

Justice Department blocks AT&T's plan to buy T-Mobile

By Joelle Tessler & Pete Yost  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department filed suit Wednesday to block AT&T's \$39 billion deal to buy T-Mobile USA on grounds that it would raise prices for consumers. The government contends that the acquisition of the No. 4 wireless carrier in the country by No. 2 AT&T would reduce competition. At a news conference, Deputy Attorney General James Cole said the combination would result in "tens of millions of consumers all across the United States facing higher prices, fewer choices and lower quality products for mobile wireless services." The lawsuit seeks to ensure that everyone can continue to receive the benefits of competition, said Cole. AT&T said it would fight and ask for an expedited court hear-

ing "so the enormous benefits of this merger can be fully reviewed." The company said the government "has the burden of proving alleged anti-competitive effects, and we intend to vigorously contest this matter in court." Four nationwide providers — Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint — account for more than 90 percent of mobile wireless connections. T-Mobile has been an important source of competition, including through innovation and quality enhancements such as the rollout of the first nationwide high-speed data network, according to Sharis Pozen, acting chief of Justice's antitrust division. Mobile wireless telecom services play an increasing role in day-to-day communications, with more than 300 million smartphones, data cards, tablets and other mobile wireless devices in use.



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Deutsche Telekom, the owner of T-Mobile, had no immediate comment. AT&T and T-Mobile compete nationwide, in 97 of the largest 100 cellular marketing areas, according to the suit filed in U.S. District Court in Washington. It says AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile would eliminate a company that has been a competitive factor through low pricing and innovation.

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than in Terrence Malick's flighty "The Tree of Life." Though Rachel is saddled by slightly inconsistent characterization, Chastain brings a strength and intensity to her that you might not expect from her gentle disposition. Worthington (remember him?) struggles to breathe life into his disciplined, quiet David. Csokas' Stephan is barely a character as much as he is a placeholder. The elderly ver-

sions of the characters are better acted across the board thanks to masters Mirren, Wilkinson and Hinds, but Wilkinson and Hinds are wasted as Mirren takes the center stage for most of the film's third act. Much of the disdain from the film's Toronto premiere came from the film's morally ambiguous conclusion, and the film spends a bit too much time build-

ing up to its big reveal and not enough time justifying it. Even so, when the film's key moment comes around, it's more of an obvious plot development than the mind-blowing twist it wants to be considered, and it's certainly not anything disastrous enough to derail the film entirely. "The Debt" is by no means the Oscar contender it was positioned as, but it's still a film with its own

small little charms, mostly thanks to the fantastic dual portrayals of Rachel Singer by Chastain and Mirren. While it plays as something of a smaller-scale version of Steven Spielberg's "Munich," "The Debt" is an often suspenseful, interesting thriller. It's not a film that you'll be thinking about for the rest of the year (or even after you leave the theater), but it's still one worth seeking out.

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"The Loft will be a fun place to unwind with friends before a show. For example, there's nothing quite like laughing with your friends to get you ready for a comedy show." Revamped with new technology, a new bar, new furniture and even a graffiti wall, The Loft was designed to be comfortable and for students to take advantage of the fine arts shows available to them at UT. "The Loft was created to have a place to come and hang out before and after shows that are happening at Bass Concert Hall," Bang said. "Sometimes this will include photo booths that have backdrops and props. We've got a couple of game nights, and we're going to make a giant Mad-Lib.

We're working with other departments in Texas Performing Arts to get some of the artists to come and talk back with students." Bang said often in performing arts, audiences will all come to see the same show but never connect with one another. The Loft will bring a social aspect to seeing plays, allowing students with similar interests to talk about the performances. "I hope that The Loft allows students to feel more comfortable. The Bass Concert Hall is on the UT campus, so it's kind of like the students' theatre, but I don't think students feel that way," Bang said. "Hopefully this is a place where students can come and relax. Starting discussions in The Loft and branching out to other people at these perfor-

mances is what we hope is accomplished." The Loft will help put plays into context, giving many opportunities to prepare audience members for each show. "We have one show coming in October, The Infernal Comedy, and it's supposed to be really strange, so we were thinking we'd have people up in the Loft after the show to really break it down," said arts director Lauren Shelton. "It will really enhance the experience because you're seeing other peoples' views on it, but at the same time, being able to fully form your own thoughts about it." Originally posted online Tuesday, August 30, 2011 as: "The Debt" carries strong build up, ambiguous end

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## WEEKEND

## THE AUSTIN TRIATHLON

As if the thrill of watching a group of amateur and professional athletes duke it out on land and in water wasn't enough, Austin's yearly triathlon also offers live music, free food and drinks from event sponsors at the finish line carnival and a multi-sport expo featuring games and prizes.

**WHAT:** The Austin Triathlon  
**WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 5  
**WHERE:** Auditorium Shores  
**HOW MUCH:** Free for spectators

## MASTER PANCAKE: 'THE BREAKFAST CLUB'

The Alamo Drafthouse's resident jokers Master Pancake ridicule the ultimate '80s teen movie "The Breakfast Club." Whether you find John Hughes' tale of high school misfits crossing social boundaries and bonding over detention inspiring or eye roll-inducing, be prepared to mock the movie along with the comics.

**WHAT:** Master Pancake: "The Breakfast Club"  
**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at the Ritz  
**HOW MUCH:** \$13.50

## GIGGLEPANTS IMPROV'S FIRST SHOW OF FALL 2011

UT's on-campus, short-form improvisational comedy troupe will perform its first show of the semester.

**WHAT:** Gigglepants Improv's first show of the semester  
**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 2, 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** The Student Activity Center Auditorium  
**HOW MUCH:** Free

**THE DODOS AT ANTONE'S**  
 San Francisco-based indie duo The Dodos bring their brand of percussive rock music to Antone's in support of their latest album "No Color."

**WHAT:** The Dodos  
**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 2, 9 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Antone's Nightclub  
**HOW MUCH:** \$13

## so Much to 'Like'

By Rainy Schermerhorn  
 Daily Texan Staff

With Facebook becoming a near-necessity in the lives of many college students, there's no denying that social networking has transformed the way students keep informed about the lives of their friends, family and the events. Looking to stay up-to-date on what Austin has to offer? Here's a quick look at some of the more interesting groups and pages relevant to student life at UT:

## Money-Saving Resources:

## Free at UT

With a tagline like "whoever said there's no such thing as a free lunch has never been to the West Mall," Free at UT certainly provides a great deal of promise in helping incoming students save up on their Bevo Bucks. Free at UT routinely supplies information on cost-free events going on around campus and the surrounding area, with a focus on food, music and the occasional interesting lecture. As an "open source platform," many of the tips posted are provided by UT students via Twitter.

## Free Fun in Austin

Love free stuff but wanting to branch out a bit from what the 40 Acres has to offer? While in the same vein as Free at UT, these two pages focus primarily on activities and events occurring around Austin as a whole as opposed to exclusively the UT area.

## The University Co-op

Many students only visit the Co-op at the start of each semester, but the popular textbook store's Facebook page regularly updates with the store's current deals, new merchandise, contests and giveaways that may moti-



Photo illustration by Jorge Corona

Joining various groups on Facebook can be beneficial to staying in the loop as a college student. Information, ranging from lesser-known events to where to find free things, can be found with a simple refresh of one's newsfeed.

vate students to stop by a few times more than for their routine book pickups.

## Amazon Student

With benefits such as a free one-year trial of Amazon Prime to students with a .edu email, it's hard to not want to keep an eye out on the deals and giveaways posted on its

quickly growing official Facebook page.

## Campus Life:

## The University of Texas at Austin

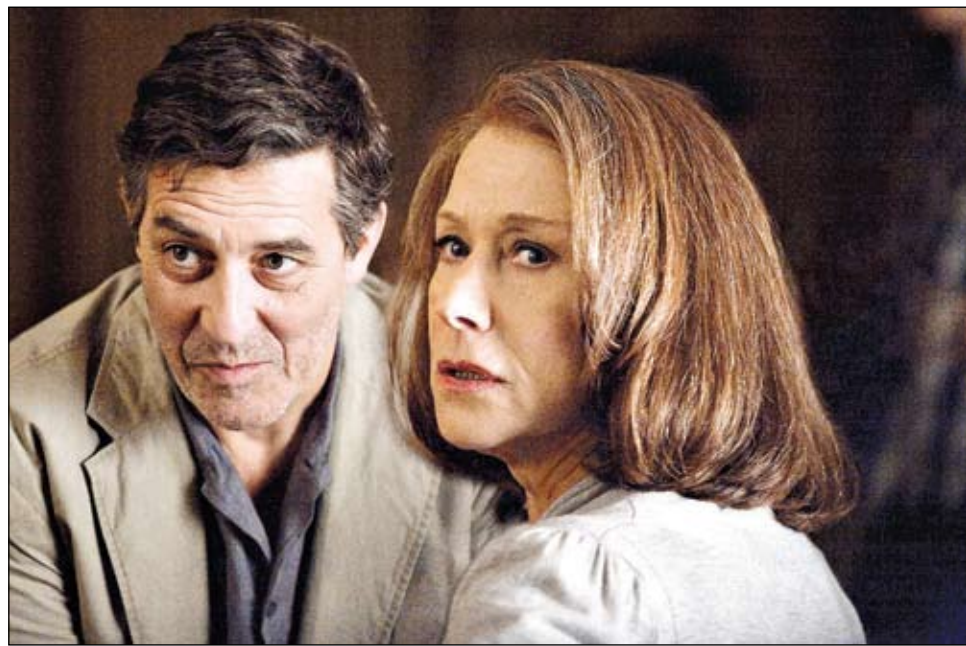
As the "main" UT Facebook resource, this page provides general information about the

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## Individual College Pages

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MOVIE REVIEW  
THE DEBT

Laurie Sparham | Associated Press

In this film image released by Focus Features, Ciarán Hinds, left, and Helen Mirren are shown in a scene from the espionage thriller "The Debt."



## The Debt

John Madden

**Genre:** Thriller  
**Runtime:** 114 minutes  
**For those who like:** *Munich*  
**Grade:** B+

## Stellar cast shines in "The Debt," film struggles with screenplay

By Alex Williams  
 Daily Texan Staff

Ever since its premiere at the Toronto Film Festival almost a year ago, things certainly haven't been easy for "The Debt." After all, it was a major awards player before its premiere — an intense Jewish revenge film starring Oscar mainstays Helen Mirren and Tom Wilkinson as well as rising stars Jessica Chastain and Sam Worthington. After the film met lukewarm reception in Toronto, it floundered around for a year or so and is now finally being released to theaters. Is it the disaster a few critics at Toronto lambasted it for being? No. Is it the major Oscar player it could have been? Probably not. But it is a relatively well-paced, fairly intense thriller that makes for a good distraction for a couple of hours.

The film opens just short of present day, staging a late '90s book release detailing the process by which Mossad agents Rachel (Helen Mirren), Stephan (Tom Wilkinson) and David (Ciaran Hinds) killed the nefarious Dieter Vogel (Jesper Christensen), a surgeon who performed endless atrocities during the Holocaust. Quickly, the film dives into the past, as younger versions of the characters (played by Chastain, Marton Csokas and Worthington, respectively) go about their mission.

Director John Madden impresses throughout the film with his strong sense

of pacing, smooth transitions between the past and the present, and a few brutal, ugly fight scenes that strip away any glamour the agents think their mission may hold. The film's problems rest mostly in the script, co-written by the usually reliable Matthew Vaughn, who directed this summer's "X-Men: First Class" and last year's "Kick-Ass." "The Debt" has all the makings of a great tragedy — a lie agreed upon by loose allies, lost loves and gallons of blood spilled thanks to the various characters' fatal flaws, but its screenplay falls short.

The film's lengthy middle section, which showcases the long period the three agents spend cooped up in a grungy apartment with Christensen's surgeon as their hostage, plays out kind of like a play, allowing us to get to know the characters and all their nuances. Unfortunately, they aren't nearly as interesting as the film thinks they are and the inevitable love triangle that forms is soapy, not compelling.

Chastain's Rachel is easily the most relatable and interesting character in the film, thanks in no small part to Chastain, who is given more room to build a character here

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## Lounge at concert hall opens to promote student interaction

By Kenny Chilton  
 Daily Texan Staff

Whether it's sitting at a table with friends and enjoying the art-decorated walls or standing on the terrace to get a sweeping view of UT, The Loft will offer many new opportunities before and after performances at Bass Concert Hall.

The Loft Kickoff Celebration tonight will celebrate the opening of a sixth floor hangout spot the Texas Performing Arts and Hook 'em Arts created with students in mind. The lounge will provide amenities and atmosphere for students to enjoy a show.

**WHAT:** Student loft opening

**WHERE:** Bass Concert Hall

**WHEN:** Tonight at 6 p.m.

**WEB:** [texasperformingarts.org/venues/bass\\_concert\\_hall](http://texasperformingarts.org/venues/bass_concert_hall)

**TICKETS:** Free

"Texas Performing Arts created The Loft because we wanted students to feel like they had a place to call their own," said Maggie Bang, student development specialist.

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